

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 29, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 29, 2003. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1 - 46 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 8, 14, 34, and 43 are amended to correct matters of form. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference.

The specification is amended to delete reference numeral 604 which is not shown in the drawings and duplicates another reference number.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, the examiner asserts that none of the claims are generic. The Applicant elects Species H and Subspecies J3 with traverse. Independent claims 1, 17, 32, 41, 42, and 43 are readable on Species H and independent claims 17, 41, 42, and 43 are readable on Subspecies J3.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on grounds that claims 1, 17, 32, 41, 42, and 43 are generic to one or both of the elected species. Withdrawal of the restriction is respectfully requested. Applicant further traverses the restriction of dependent claims 2-16, 18-27, 33-40, and 44-46 on grounds that they are dependent on independent claims that are not properly restricted from Species H or Subspecies J3. Withdrawal of the restriction is respectfully requested.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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